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APPENDIX A

Generic SSLs

Table A-1 provides generic SSLs for 110 chemicals. Generic SSLs are derived using default values in the standardized equations presented in Part 2 of this document. The default values (listed in Table A-2) are conservative and are likely to be protective for the majority of site conditions across the nation.

However, the generic SSLs are not necessarily protective of all known human exposure pathways, reasonable land uses, or ecological threats. Thus, before applying generic SSLs at a site, it is extremely important to compare the conceptual site model (see the *User's Guide*) with the assumptions behind the SSLs to ensure that the site conditions and exposure pathways match those used to develop generic SSLs (see Parts 1 and 2 and Table A-2). If this comparison indicates that the site is more complex than the SSL scenario, or that there are significant exposure pathways not accounted for by the SSLs, then generic SSLs are not sufficient for a full evaluation of the site. A more detailed site-specific approach will be necessary to evaluate the additional pathways or site conditions.

Generic SSLs are presented separately for major pathways of concern in both surface and subsurface soils. The first column to the right of the chemical name presents levels based on direct ingestion of soil and the second column presents levels based on inhalation. As discussed in the *User's Guide*, the fugitive dust pathway may be of concern for certain metals but does not appear to be of concern for organic compounds. Therefore, SSLs for the fugitive dust pathway are only presented for inorganic compounds. Except for mercury, no SSLs for the inhalation of volatiles pathway are provided for inorganic compounds because these chemicals are not volatile.

The user should note that several of the generic SSLs for the inhalation of volatiles pathway are determined by the soil saturation concentration (C_{sat}), which is used to address and screen the potential presence of nonaqueous phase liquids (NAPLs). As explained in Section 2.4.4, for compounds that are liquid at ambient soil temperature, concentrations above C_{sat} indicate a potential for free-phase liquid contamination to be present and the need for additional investigation.

The third column presents generic SSL values for the migration to ground water pathway developed using a default DAF (dilution-attenuation factor) of 20 to account for natural processes that reduce contaminant concentrations in the subsurface (see Section 2.5.6). SSLs in Table A-1 are rounded to two significant figures except for values less than 10, which are rounded to one significant figure. Note that the 20 DAF values in Table A-1 are not exactly 20 times the 1 DAF values because each SSL is calculated independently in both the 20 DAF and 1 DAF columns, with the final value presented according to the aforementioned rounding conventions.

The fourth column contains the generic SSLs for the migration to ground water pathway developed assuming no dilution or attenuation between the source and the receptor well (i.e., a DAF of 1). These values can be used at sites where little or no dilution or attenuation of soil leachate concentrations is expected at a site (e.g., sites with shallow water tables, fractured media, karst topography, or source size greater than 30 acres).

Generally, if an SSL is not exceeded for a pathway of concern, the user may eliminate the pathway or areas of the site from further investigation. If more than one exposure pathway is of concern, the lowest SSL should be used.

Table A-1. Generic SSLs^a

<i>Organics</i>		<i>Migration to ground water</i>			
<i>CAS No.</i>	<i>Compound</i>	<i>Ingestion (mg/kg)</i>	<i>Inhalation volatiles (mg/kg)</i>	<i>20 DAF (mg/kg)</i>	<i>1 DAF (mg/kg)</i>
83-32-9	Acenaphthene	4,700 ^b	— ^c	570 ^b	29 ^b
67-64-1	Acetone	7,800 ^b	1.0E+05 ^d	16 ^b	0.8 ^b
305-00-2	Aldrin	0.04 ^e	3 ^e	0.5 ^e	0.02 ^e
120-12-7	Anthracene	23,000 ^b	— ^c	12,000 ^b	590 ^b
56-55-3	Benz(a)anthracene	0.9 ^e	— ^c	2 ^e	0.08 ^{e,f}
71-43-2	Benzene	22 ^e	0.8 ^e	0.03	0.002 ^f
205-99-2	Benzo(b)fluoranthene	0.9 ^e	— ^c	5 ^e	0.2 ^{e,f}
207-08-9	Benzo(k)fluoranthene	9 ^e	— ^c	49 ^e	2 ^e
65-85-0	Benzoic acid	3.1E+05 ^b	— ^c	400 ^{b,i}	20 ^{b,i}
50-32-8	Benzo(a)pyrene	0.09 ^{e,f}	— ^c	8	0.4
111-44-4	Bis(2-chloroethyl)ether	0.6 ^e	0.2 ^{e,f}	0.0004 ^{e,f}	2E-05 ^{e,f}
117-81-7	Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate	46 ^e	31,000 ^d	3,600	180
75-27-4	Bromodichloromethane	10 ^e	3,000 ^d	0.6	0.03
75-25-2	Bromoform	81 ^e	53 ^e	0.8	0.04
71-36-3	Butanol	7,800 ^b	10,000 ^d	17 ^b	0.9 ^b
85-68-7	Butyl benzyl phthalate	16,000 ^b	930 ^d	930 ^d	810 ^b
86-74-8	Carbazole	32 ^e	— ^c	0.6 ^e	0.03 ^{e,f}
75-15-0	Carbon disulfide	7,800 ^b	720 ^d	32 ^b	2 ^b
56-23-5	Carbon tetrachloride	5 ^e	0.3 ^e	0.07	0.003 ^f
57-74-9	Chlordane	0.5 ^e	20 ^e	10	0.5
106-17-8	p-Chloroaniline	310 ^b	— ^c	0.7 ^b	0.03 ^{b,f}
108-90-7	Chlorobenzene	1,600 ^b	130 ^b	1	0.07
124-48-1	Chlorodibromomethane	8 ^e	1,300 ^d	0.4	0.02
67-66-3	Chloroform	100 ^e	0.3 ^e	0.6	0.03
95-57-8	2-Chlorophenol	390 ^b	53,000 ^d	4 ^{b,i}	0.2 ^{b,f,i}
218-01-9	Chrysene	88 ^e	— ^c	160 ^e	8 ^e
72-54-8	DDD	3 ^e	— ^c	16 ^e	0.8 ^e
72-55-9	DDE	2 ^e	— ^c	54 ^e	3 ^e
50-29-3	DDT	2 ^e	— ^g	32 ^e	2 ^e
53-70-3	Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene	0.09 ^{e,f}	— ^c	2 ^e	0.08 ^{e,f}
84-74-2	Di-n-butyl phthalate	7,800 ^b	2,300 ^d	2,300 ^d	270 ^b
95-50-1	1,2-Dichlorobenzene	7,000 ^b	560 ^d	17	0.9
106-46-7	1,4-Dichlorobenzene	27 ^e	— ^g	2	0.1 ^f
91-94-1	3,3-Dichlorobenzidine	1 ^e	— ^c	0.007 ^{e,f}	0.0003 ^{e,f}
75-34-3	1,1-Dichloroethane	7,800 ^b	1,300 ^b	23 ^b	1 ^b
107-06-2	1,2-Dichloroethane	7 ^e	0.4 ^e	0.02	0.001 ^f
75-35-4	1,1-Dichloroethylene	1 ^e	0.07 ^e	0.06	0.003 ^f
156-59-2	cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	780 ^b	1,200 ^d	0.4	0.02
156-60-5	trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene	1,600 ^b	3,100 ^d	0.7	0.03
120-83-2	2,4-Dichlorophenol	230 ^b	— ^c	1 ^{b,i}	0.05 ^{b,f,i}

Table A-1 (continued)

Organics		Migration to ground water			
CAS No.	Compound	Ingestion (mg/kg)	Inhalation volatiles (mg/kg)	20 DAF (mg/kg)	1 DAF (mg/kg)
78-87-5	1,2-Dichloropropane	9 *	15 b	0.03	0.001 f
542-75-6	1,3-Dichloropropene	4 *	0.1 *	0.004 *	0.0002 *
60-57-1	Dieldrin	0.04 *	1 *	0.004 *	0.0002 e,f
84-66-2	Diethylphthalate	63,000 b	2,000 d	470 b	23 b
105-67-9	2,4-Dimethylphenol	1,600 b	— c	9 b	0.4 b
51-28-5	2,4-Dinitrophenol	160 b	— c	0.3 b,f,i	0.01 b,f,i
121-14-2	2,4-Dinitrotoluene	0.9 *	— c	0.0008 e,f	4E-05 e,f
606-20-2	2,6-Dinitrotoluene	0.9 *	— c	0.0007 e,f	3E-05 e,f
117-84-0	Di-n-octyl phthalate	1,600 b	10,000 d	10,000 d	10,000 d
115-29-7	Endosulfan	470 b	— c	18 b	0.9 b
72-20-8	Endrin	23 b	— c	1	0.05
100-41-4	Ethylbenzene	7,800 b	400 d	13	0.7
206-44-0	Fluoranthene	3,100 b	— c	4,300 b	210 b
86-73-7	Fluorene	3,100 b	— c	560 b	28 b
76-44-8	Heptachlor	0.1 *	0.1 *	23	1
1024-57-3	Heptachlor epoxide	0.07 *	5 *	0.7	0.03
118-74-1	Hexachlorobenzene	0.4 *	1 *	2	0.1 f
87-68-3	Hexachloro-1,3-butadiene	8 *	8 *	2	0.1 f
319-84-6	α -HCH (α -BHC)	0.1 *	0.8 *	0.0005 e,f	3E-05 e,f
319-85-7	β -HCH (β -BHC)	0.4 *	— g	0.003 *	0.0001 e,f
58-89-9	γ -HCH (Lindane)	0.5 *	— c	0.009	0.0005 f
77-47-4	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	550 b	10 b	400	20
67-72-1	Hexachloroethane	46 *	55 *	0.5 *	0.02 e,f
193-39-5	Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene	0.9 *	— c	14 *	0.7 *
78-59-1	Isophorone	670 *	4,600 d	0.5 *	0.03 e,f
7439-97-6	Mercury	23 b,i	10 b,i	2 i	0.1 i
72-43-5	Methoxychlor	390 b	— c	160	8
74-83-9	Methyl bromide	110 b	10 b	0.2 b	0.01 b,f
75-09-2	Methylene chloride	85 *	13 *	0.02 *	0.001 e,f
95-48-7	2-Methylphenol	3,900 b	— c	15 b	0.8 b
91-20-3	Naphthalene	3,100 b	— c	84 b	4 b
98-95-3	Nitrobenzene	39 b	92 b	0.1 b,f	0.007 b,f
86-30-6	N-Nitrosodiphenylamine	130 *	— c	1 e	0.06 e,f
621-64-7	N-Nitrosodi-n-propylamine	0.09 e,f	— c	5E-05 e,f	2E-06 e,f
1336-36-3	PCBs	1 h	— h	— h	— h
87-86-5	Pentachlorophenol	3 e,j	— c	0.03 f,i	0.001 f,i
108-95-2	Phenol	47,000 b	— c	100 b	5 b
129-00-0	Pyrene	2,300 b	— c	4,200 b	210 b
100-42-5	Styrene	16,000 b	1,500 d	4	0.2
79-34-5	1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	3 *	0.6 *	0.003 e,f	0.0002 e,f

Table A-1 (continued)

<i>Organics</i>		Migration to ground water			
CAS No.	Compound	Ingestion (mg/kg)	Inhalation volatiles (mg/kg)	20 DAF (mg/kg)	1 DAF (mg/kg)
127-18-4	Tetrachloroethylene	12 *	11 *	0.06	0.003 f
108-88-3	Toluene	16,000 b	650 d	12	0.6
8001-35-2	Toxaphene	0.6 *	89 *	31	2
120-82-1	1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	780 b	3,200 d	5	0.3 f
71-55-6	1,1,1-Trichloroethane	— c	1,200 d	2	0.1
79-00-5	1,1,2-Trichloroethane	11 *	1 *	0.02	0.0009 f
79-01-6	Trichloroethylene	58 *	5 *	0.06	0.003 f
95-95-4	2,4,5-Trichlorophenol	7,800 b	— c	270 b,i	14 b,i
88-06-2	2,4,6-Trichlorophenol	58 *	200 *	0.2 e,f,i	0.008 e,f,i
108-05-4	Vinyl acetate	78,000 b	1,000 b	170 b	8 b
75-01-4	Vinyl chloride	0.3 *	0.03 *	0.01 f	0.0007 f
108-38-3	m-Xylene	1.6E+05 b	420 d	210	10
95-47-6	o-Xylene	1.6E+05 b	410 d	190	9
106-42-3	p-Xylene	1.6E+05 b	460 d	200	10

Table A-1 (continued)

Inorganics		Migration to ground water			
CAS No.	Compound	Ingestion (mg/kg)	Inhalation fugitive particulate (mg/kg)	20 DAF (mg/kg)	1 DAF (mg/kg)
7440-36-0	Antimony	31 ^b	— ^c	5	0.3
7440-38-2	Arsenic	0.4 ^e	750 ^e	29 ⁱ	1 ⁱ
7440-39-3	Barium	5,500 ^b	6.9E+05 ^b	1,600 ⁱ	82 ⁱ
7440-41-7	Beryllium	0.1 ^e	1,300 ^e	63 ⁱ	3 ⁱ
7440-43-9	Cadmium	78 ^{b,m}	1,800 ^e	8 ⁱ	0.4 ⁱ
7440-47-3	Chromium (total)	390 ^b	270 ^e	38 ⁱ	2 ⁱ
16065-83-1	Chromium (III)	78,000 ^b	— ^c	— ^g	— ^g
18540-29-9	Chromium (VI)	390 ^b	270 ^e	38 ⁱ	2 ⁱ
57-12-5	Cyanide (amenable)	1,600 ^b	— ^c	40	2
7439-92-1	Lead	400 ^k	— ^k	— ^k	— ^k
7440-02-0	Nickel	1,600 ^b	13,000 ^e	130 ⁱ	7 ⁱ
7782-49-2	Selenium	390 ^b	— ^c	5 ⁱ	0.3 ⁱ
7440-22-4	Silver	390 ^b	— ^c	34 ^{b,j}	2 ^{b,i}
7440-28-0	Thallium	— ^c	— ^c	0.7 ⁱ	0.04 ⁱ
7440-62-2	Vanadium	550 ^b	— ^c	6,000 ^b	300 ^b
7440-66-6	Zinc	23,000 ^b	— ^c	12,000 ^{b,j}	620 ^{b,j}

DAF = Dilution and attenuation factor.

^a Screening levels based on human health criteria only.

^b Calculated values correspond to a noncancer hazard quotient of 1.

^c No toxicity criteria available for that route of exposure.

^d Soil saturation concentration (C_{sat}).

^e Calculated values correspond to a cancer risk level of 1 in 1,000,000.

^f Level is at or below Contract Laboratory Program required quantitation limit for Regular Analytical Services (RAS).

^g Chemical-specific properties are such that this pathway is not of concern at any soil contaminant concentration.

^h A preliminary remediation goal of 1 mg/kg has been set for PCBs based on *Guidance on Remedial Actions for Superfund Sites with PCB Contamination* (U.S. EPA, 1990) and on EPA efforts to manage PCB contamination.

ⁱ SSL for pH of 6.8.

^j Ingestion SSL adjusted by a factor of 0.5 to account for dermal exposure.

^k A screening level of 400 mg/kg has been set for lead based on *Revised Interim Soil Lead Guidance for CERCLA Sites and RCRA Corrective Action Facilities* (U.S. EPA, 1994).

^l SSL is based on RfD for mercuric chloride (CAS No. 007487-94-7).

^m SSL is based on dietary RfD.

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Statistical Techniques Applied To Sediment Sampling

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Step 2. Decide on an acceptable inaccuracy level, IA

This value is the maximum difference you will accept between the sample mean and the true mean. For example, if you want to know an average concentration to within ± 3 ppm, the acceptable inaccuracy level would equal 3 ppm. Unlike in Stage One, the acceptable inaccuracy level is expressed as a difference, not as a magnitude.

Step 3. Solve for the sample size of the Stage Two characterization survey, n_c , using Equation 3.3

There are several sample size determination procedures available. Equation 3.3 is best for most sediment situations.

$$n_c = \frac{((z_1 + z_2)^2 * s^2)}{IA^2} + 0.5z_1^2 \quad [\text{Eq. 3.3}]$$

where:

n_c = number of samples for Stage Two survey

s^2 = sample variance, obtained in pilot survey

IA = acceptable inaccuracy level

z_1 = value of the z distribution (standard normal curve) associated with probability of $1-\alpha$

z_2 = value of the z distribution associated with probability of $1-\beta$

Equation 3.3 is useful for Stage Two, because it incorporates the level of estimation accuracy desired by the project manager along with the probabilities of both Type I (false positive) and Type II (false negative) errors. In addition, Equation 3.3 can be used for small sample sizes and also can be applied to Stage One by using an estimated value of the variance.

Important: This equation is only valid if the data are normally distributed. Section 3.4 discusses other options for data that are not normally distributed.

Table 3.2 shows sampling size options for an actual sediment survey. It should be noted that with alternative scenarios, such as shown below, the actual decision regarding the number of sample measurements can be matched with the desired level of statistical information.

Table 3.2 Second stage sample size determination. Assumes arbitrary standard deviation and accuracy levels considered reasonable for priority sediment contaminants such as PCBs, PAHs, or mercury. The assumed quantities can be easily modified.

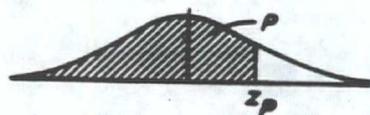
α	β	s	Accuracy Level	n number of samples
.01	.01	12.5	5 units	136
.01	.05	12.5	5 units	101
.01	.10	12.5	5 units	84
.01	.15	12.5	5 units	74
.01	.20	12.5	5 units	64
.05	.01	12.5	5 units	101
.05	.05	12.5	5 units	70
.05	.10	12.5	5 units	58
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.20	.20	12.5	5 units	20
.01	.01	12.5	10 units	36
.01	.05	12.5	10 units	27
.01	.10	12.5	10 units	22
.01	.15	12.5	10 units	20
.01	.20	12.5	10 units	17

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.05	.01	12.5	10 units	27
.05	.05	12.5	10 units	19
.05	.10	12.5	10 units	15
.05	.15	12.5	10 units	13
.05	.20	12.5	10 units	12
.10	.01	12.5	10 units	22
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.10	.20	12.5	10 units	8
.15	.01	12.5	10 units	20
.15	.05	12.5	10 units	13
.15	.10	12.5	10 units	11
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.15	.20	12.5	10 units	7
.20	.01	12.5	10 units	17
.20	.05	12.5	10 units	12
.20	.10	12.5	10 units	8
.20	.15	12.5	10 units	7
.20	.20	12.5	10 units	6

3.4 How to Use Stage One Survey Results for Stage Two

When your sampling results come back, it is important to determine the distribution of results for each parameter. In order to use the Stage One variance in Equation 3.3 of Stage Two, the data distribution must be normally distributed. If the data does approximate a normal distribution, then the sample variance can be calculated with the standard arithmetic equation (see Section 4.1) and then used as a direct estimate for the population variance in Equation 3.3.

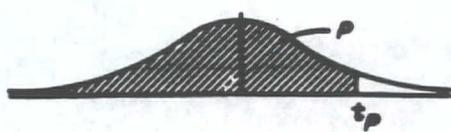
Table IV Cumulative Normal Distribution



Values of P corresponding to z_p for the normal curve.

z is the standard normal variable. The value of P for $-z_p$ equals one minus the value of P for $+z_p$.
e.g., the P for -1.62 equals $1 - .9474 = .0526$.

Table V Percentiles of the t Distributions



df	$t_{.00}$	$t_{.01}$	$t_{.02}$	$t_{.05}$	$t_{.10}$	$t_{.20}$	$t_{.50}$	$t_{.90}$	$t_{.95}$
1	.325	.727	1.376	3.078	6.314	12.706	31.821	63.657	
2	.289	.617	1.061	1.886	2.920	4.303	6.965	9.925	
3	.277	.584	.978	1.638	2.853	3.182	4.541	5.841	
4	.271	.569	.941	1.533	2.132	2.776	3.747	4.604	
5	.267	.559	.920	1.476	2.015	2.571	3.365	4.032	
6	.265	.553	.906	1.440	1.948	2.447	3.143	3.707	
7	.263	.549	.896	1.415	1.895	2.365	2.938	3.409	
8	.262	.546	.889	1.397	1.860	2.306	2.896	3.366	
9	.261	.543	.883	1.383	1.833	2.282	2.821	3.250	
10	.260	.542	.879	1.372	1.812	2.228	2.764	3.199	
11	.260	.540	.876	1.363	1.796	2.201	2.718	3.106	
12	.259	.539	.873	1.356	1.782	2.179	2.681	3.066	
13	.259	.538	.870	1.350	1.771	2.160	2.650	3.012	
14	.258	.537	.868	1.345	1.761	2.145	2.624	2.977	
15	.258	.536	.866	1.341	1.753	2.181	2.602	2.947	
16	.258	.535	.865	1.337	1.746	2.120	2.583	2.921	
17	.257	.534	.863	1.333	1.740	2.110	2.567	2.898	
18	.257	.534	.862	1.330	1.734	2.101	2.552	2.878	
19	.257	.533	.861	1.328	1.729	2.093	2.539	2.861	
20	.257	.533	.860	1.325	1.725	2.086	2.528	2.846	
21	.257	.532	.859	1.323	1.721	2.080	2.518	2.831	
22	.256	.532	.858	1.321	1.717	2.074	2.508	2.819	
23	.256	.532	.858	1.319	1.714	2.069	2.500	2.807	
24	.256	.531	.857	1.318	1.711	2.064	2.492	2.797	
25	.256	.531	.856	1.316	1.708	2.060	2.485	2.787	
26	.256	.531	.856	1.315	1.706	2.056	2.479	2.779	
27	.256	.531	.855	1.314	1.703	2.052	2.473	2.771	
28	.256	.530	.855	1.313	1.701	2.048	2.467	2.762	
29	.256	.530	.854	1.311	1.699	2.045	2.462	2.754	
30	.256	.530	.854	1.310	1.697	2.042	2.457	2.751	
40	.255	.529	.851	1.303	1.684	2.021	2.423	2.744	
60	.254	.527	.848	1.296	1.671	2.000	2.390	2.744	
120	.254	.526	.845	1.289	1.658	1.980	2.358	2.717	
∞	.253	.524	.842	1.282	1.645	1.960	2.326	2.714	

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